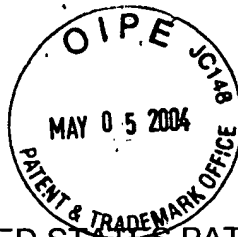


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, setting a 3 month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Claims 1-14, 16 and 17 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the finality of the Office Action, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.